Foreword

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This guide governs the planning and design of Army Dependent Youth Activity Centers. The objective of the Youth Activities Program is to provide military dependent youth with a full range of leisure-time activities to support their healthy development. This guide provides assistance in understanding the programmatic needs of the youth, facilities programming procedures, and planning and design considerations and principles for use in developing Dependent Youth Activity facilities. The guide not only states basic design criteria, but also provides means by which the user can apply the criteria in individual ways to respond to local requirements.

This guide is applicable to all new construction projects for Dependent Youth Activity Centers and projects involving renovation and improvement of existing facilities.

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